



Elsie B Doige

December 21, 1921 - June 23, 2017

Elsie B. (Richardson) Doige, 95, of Spencer, Indiana died Friday, June 23, 2017 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House.

Elsie was born on December 21, 1921 in Sidell, Illinois to the late Lester and Maggie (Kent) Richardson. The growing Richardson family moved to Brown County, Indiana before eventually settling in Spencer. Elsie was the eldest daughter of the Richardson's fourteen children.

Elsie worked at RCA in Bloomington, Indiana for ten years. In 1945, she bore her only son Jerry M. Coffey. On September 13, 1958, Elsie married Edward C. Doige in Moncton, Canada where they lived for five years before moving back to Spencer in 1963. They settled on Rattlesnake Road close to family where Ed built their home and sawmill to continue his family's business. Elsie worked side-by-side with Ed in the sawmill business. Elsie was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and was a beloved member of the Christian Congregation in Spencer. Because of her love for Jehovah and neighbor, she would spend much time in the ministry talking to all she met about God's Kingdom and His purpose for mankind. Despite advancing age and limited mobility, Elsie did not hesitate to use every opportunity to talk to ones about the Bible. Elsie always kept her Bible by her side and would daily read and draw encouragement from God's Word.

Elsie is survived by her son, Jerry M. (Shelley) Coffey of Spencer; her

grandchildren Delisa S. (Demetrius) Witherspoon of Indianapolis, Angela (Skeeter) Bandy of Gosport, Jerry J. (Adana) Coffey of Spencer and Travis C. (Lori) Coffey of Spencer; twelve (12) great grandchildren and two (2) great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her brothers Glenn, Chester, Ira (R Jay), Herman, James, Joseph, Arthur (Bud), Paul, Melville, Lester (Dick) Richardson and her sisters Esther, Madge Clark and Betty Swank and granddaughter, Tanya Coffey.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 206 State Hwy 43, Spencer. Immediately following, there will be a pitch-in dinner for family and friends at Abram Farm, 380 State Hwy 43, Spencer. Chandler Funeral Home assisted with the arrangements. Share condolences, memories and more with Elsie's family at www.chandlerfh.com

The Coffey Family would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the condolences and words of encouragement

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 2. 1:30 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
206 State Hwy 43
Spencer, IN 47460

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Aunt Elsie and Jerry lived with us for a while after Grandma Richardson's house burned to the ground in the early 1950s. Later, in the 60s, she picked me up for every meeting, then studied the Bible with me every week. On Tuesdays I would get off the school bus at her & Uncle Eddie's house & we would have our study. Then, I was invited to stay for supper with them before the congregation book study that night. I remember she made a wonderful cabbage soup! She would cook some hamburger with onions & garlic, then cut up a bunch of green cabbage and some potatoes into it. Salt & pepper is all she seasoned it with and it is still my favorite way to eat any of those ingredients. And I ALWAYS think of my dear Aunt Elsie every time I make it!!! I am so looking forward to seeing her stand up in the Resurrection!

Marilyn Richardson Waggoner, niece

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“ Remember going out in service with Elsie and her way of speaking with ones about the truth. And how she rescued me from a dog who let me on the porch but refused to let me leave. She was fearless. And enjoyed spending several years of going to the conventions and shopping and many assemblies. Will miss her till we see her again.

Vicki - June 29, 2017 at 02:44 PM